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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Kazunobu Kobota  
Serial No. : 09/918,007  
Filed : July 30, 2001  
For : AUDIO SIGNAL PROCESSING METHOD AND AUDIO SIGNAL  
PROCESSING APPARATUS  
Date : January 3, 2005

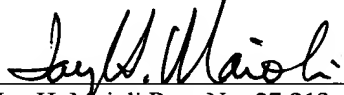
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P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No fee is required.
- ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.
- ☐ Total claims in excess of 20 previously paid for, at \$50 (\$25) \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Independent claims in excess of 3 previously paid for, at \$200 (\$100) \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Additional Fee for this Amendment \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ This response is being filed within the \_\_\_\_ first month, \_\_\_\_ second month, \_\_\_\_ third month, \_\_\_\_ fourth month, \_\_\_\_ fifth month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. Applicants Petition for an extension, and the fee of \_\_\_\_ \$120 (\$60), \_\_\_\_ \$450 (\$225), \$1,020 (\$510), \_\_\_\_ \$1,590 (\$795), \_\_\_\_ \$2,160.00 (\$1,080.00) is due and paid herewith.
- ☐ The fee of \$ \_\_\_\_ set by 37 C.F.R § 1.17(p) for the Information Disclosure Statement is due and paid herewith.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_ is attached.
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RESPONSE

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Applicant hereby responds to the Official Action of December 16, 2004.

The claims presently being examined are set forth in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this response.

The Remarks portion begins on page 15 of this response.